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Sir:

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One copy of JP 2000-063690 with its English-language Patent Abstracts of Japan is submitted herewith. One copy of each of the remaining listed documents is not being submitted herewith because these documents were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior Application Serial No. 09/536,679, filed on March 28, 2000, in the name of Tetsuo Nakamura, which is relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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